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The Offeror shall also submit fifteen (15) 3.25" diskettes containing the Technical Proposal in Microsoft Word 6.0 format. Submit five (5) 3.25" diskettes which contain the Price Proposal in Microsoft Excel 5.0 format. NO PRICE INFORMATION SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL DISKETTES.

All diskettes submitted should be labeled with the Company Name, RFP number and Date.

Submission of your proposal by electronic media (diskette) shall be considered by the University to be a Certification that the diskette is virus free. If a diskette submitted by an Offeror does contain a virus, that Offeror's proposal may be eliminated from further consideration for award.

Should any inconsistencies exist between the Offeror's hardcopy proposal and the documents submitted on diskette, the hardcopy form of the Offeror's proposal shall take precedence.

3. Format

To facilitate evaluation, the format described below shall be followed.

All proposals shall be submitted on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper, with the exception of illustrations, charts and tables which may be submitted on 11 x 17 sheets. Front and back of each sheet may be used, however, each side must be individually numbered and counted as one page. Font size shall be no smaller than 12 characters per inch and shall be one-and-one-half spaced. The total Technical Proposal Volume shall contain no more than 250 pages, excluding benchmark results, organizational charts, resumes, and screen dump illustrations of software tools.

The Offeror should submit two (2) copies of the appropriate response to the Benchmark requirements in 8mm UNIX "tar" format.

The Offeror may submit ancillary documentation, such as technical and user manuals, as long as the Offeror points to precise lines and pages in such documentation in his technical response. This material will not fall under the page limits. However, such documentation can be used only as evidence to support a fully self-contained, complete Offeror response in the proposal volumes. Where appropriate in responding to software requirements, Offeror should provide screen dumps illustrating the user interface for software tools.

Offeror's response shall be as complete as possible, providing clear statements and concise delineation with respect to all aspects of this requirement.

Offeror should submit any information or data not requested elsewhere in this document which the Offeror believes may be pertinent to this requirement.

- Upgrading SMP interconnects: link bandwidth, bi-sectional bandwidth, reduced latency, improved remote memory reference time, redundancy and reliability;
- Upgrading parallel I/O: size, serial and parallel I/O bandwidth;
- Adding additional SMPs; and
- Early delivery of SST scalable cluster software capabilities in the areas of: single system image, parallel I/O, parallelizing and optimizing compilers, message passing, code development tools, cluster resource management, fault tolerance and containment.

(e) Application Development Vision

Describe the migration path for applications from the ID to SST platforms. Address specifically how applications can scale to the larger system with minimal shift in the programming model and how applications can be tuned for efficiency while still preserving basic portability to other ASCI platforms. What process is planned for incorporating feedback from the application development experience into Offeror products?

4. Statement of Work Response

Particular paragraphs of the Statement of Work have the following designations and definitions. A list of all (MR) and (MO) requirements is contained in Appendix A of this attachment.

- (a) **Mandatory Requirements designated as (MR)**
Mandatory requirements, indicated with the verb “shall”, are items that are essential to the University requirements and reflect the minimum qualifications an offeror must meet in order to have their proposal evaluated further for selection (see also Attachment 4, Evaluation Criteria).
- (b) **Mandatory Option requirements designated as (MO)**
Mandatory Option requirements deal with features, components, performance characteristics, or upgrades whose availability as an option is deemed a Mandatory Requirement by the University. Hence, a proposal not meeting a Mandatory Option will be deemed technically nonresponsive. Because the University may variously elect to include or exclude such options in resulting orders, each should appear as a separately identifiable item in the Price and Administration Proposal. Exception: Offeror need only respond to either Specification 5.1.3.1.1. or Specification 5.1.3.1.2.
- (c) **Target Requirements designated as (TR).**
Each paragraph so labeled deals with features, components, performance characteristics or other properties that is considered a desirable part of the ASCI system but will not be a determining factor of response compliance. Requirements in the Statement of Work indicated with the verb “may” are targets. Target

5. Intellectual Property Not Charged to this Subcontract

The Offeror shall provide a list of all items being developed under any resultant ASCI Blue subcontract for which the University is not being charged. This list shall be as complete as possible, identifying specification numbers where applicable.

6. Financial Incentives

Alternate financial proposals, such as cost share, lease, etc., may be submitted. Provide price details of any alternate financial proposals submitted or any advantageous financial incentive being offered.

7. ASCI Purchase Price

For informational purposes, and in addition to the Price Schedules contained in Section C.2 above, the Offeror shall provide the "full" purchase price for the system as proposed, without regard to the budgetary constraint of \$100M and before applying any discounts or other financial incentives. This pricing shall follow the same order as the Summary Pricing Schedule and shall, as a minimum, provide the "full" purchase price for each major subsection (i.e. 4.1.1, 4.1.2, 4.1.3, etc.).

The Offeror shall also include a certification in Volume III, Administrative Proposal, which certifies that, to the best of your knowledge, the "full" purchase price estimates provided are accurate and complete.

D. VOLUME III - ADMINISTRATIVE PROPOSAL

1. General

The Administrative Volume shall consist of administration information required by the University to evaluate your proposal and prepare the final contract document. It shall include the required representations, certifications and endorsements by the offeror; any other administrative information; and exceptions or deviations taken to other parts of this solicitation. This volume shall not be used to present, offer, or otherwise establish a proposal that should be properly presented in Volume I or Volume II. NO PRICE INFORMATION SHALL BE INCLUDED IN VOLUME III.

The format and content of Volume III shall be in the same sequence and follow the paragraph numbering as shown below.

2. The Offer

Complete and submit the form entitled "Offer" contained in Attachment 8 to this solicitation.

3. Representations and Certifications

Submit the fully completed and signed Representations and Certifications contained in RFP Attachment 8.

4. Additional Information

Provide the Small Business and Small Disadvantaged Business Subcontracting Certifications and Plan, Equal Opportunity Compliance Information, Foreign Ownership, Control, or Influence (FOCI) certifications. Include any other statements, representations, and information required by the solicitation or which the Offeror chooses to bring to the attention of the University which are not directly related to Volume I or Volume II.

